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SUBJ: CODEL ABOUREZK

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1. ECON COUNSELOR EUGENE BIRD DESIGNATED AS CODEL'S CONTROL OFFICER.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTING AUDIENCE WITH KING AND MEETINGS WITH SENIOR SAG OFFICIALS, TO INCLUDE MINISTER OF INTERIO* PRINCE FAHD, MINISTER PETROLEUM YAMAN (OR HIS DEPUTY, PRINCE SAUD), MINISTER FOR PLANNING, DR. HISHAM NAZER, DIRECTOR OF PETROMIN (SAG'S STATE-RUN MARKETING INSTRUMENT), DR. ABDUL HADI TAHER, AND OTHERS. MORE COMPLETE PROGRAM INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW SUBSEQUENTLY.

3. FONMINISTRY IS UNSURE WHETHER KING AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WILL BE IN JIDDA OR RIYADH DURING CODEL'S VISIT. HIGH HOLY DAYS END JANUARY 8 AND TRADITIONALLY KING RETURNS TO RIYADH SOMEITME IN ENSURING WEEK TO TEN DAYS. DECISION TO MOVE IS MADE BY KING HIMSELF AND IS SOMETIMES NOT KNOWN NOR FIRM UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE MOVEMENT BEGINS. WE WILL TRY TO GET DEFINITE WORD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WILL KEEP CODEL INFORMED.

4. WOULD SENATOR BE AGREEABLE TO MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF LOCAL PRESS? WE ARE CERTAIN HIS TRIP WILL BE OF

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EXCEPTIONAL INTEREST TO SAUDIS, AND THEY MIGHT WISH TO GIVE

IT SOME PROMINENCE; SENATOR COULD BE ASSURED THAT QUESTIONS
WILL BE FRIENDLY BUT WITH HEAVY EMPHASIS US MIDDLE
EASTERN POLICY.
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